

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF YORK
YORKTOWN, VIRGINIA

Resolution

At a regular meeting of the York County Board of Supervisors held in the Board Room, York Hall, Yorktown, Virginia, on the ____ day of ____, 2003:

Present

Vote

James S. Burgett, Chairman
Thomas G. Shepperd, Jr., Vice Chairman
Sheila S. Noll
Donald E. Wiggins
Walter C. Zarembo

On motion of ____, which carried __, the following resolution was adopted:

A RESOLUTION TO COMMEND AND CONGRATULATE CARLYN
TATROE ON HER SELECTION AS THE 2003 YORK COUNTY OUT-
STANDING YOUTH OF THE YEAR FOR COURAGE

WHEREAS, the York County Youth Commission and the Board of Supervisors established the Outstanding Youth of the Year Awards Program to recognize the accomplishments and achievements of York County's youth; and

WHEREAS, Carlyn Tatroe was nominated and has been chosen by the Selection Committee to receive the 2003 Outstanding Youth of the Year Award for Courage, a quality that Carlyn exemplifies to the utmost, having overcome the isolating disability of deafness on her path of achieving great success as a student and as a person; and

WHEREAS, Carlyn's courage has been well recognized by her teachers and classmates in the county ever since she transferred from the Virginia School for the Deaf and Blind as a seven year old to Grafton-Bethel Elementary School, where, despite undergoing a cochlear implant at the age of eight which her body later rejected, she nevertheless blossomed in her new learning environment, and, by the fifth grade was performing on an equal footing with her hearing peers and fully included in the regular class; and

WHEREAS, as a sixth grader, Carlyn attended Grafton Middle School the year it opened, the only deaf person in a middle school of a thousand students, prompting her nominator and teacher of the hearing impaired, Ms. Ann Mease, to admirably recall

that, "Middle School is a time of transition for all young people, but when you are deaf and in middle school, the courage necessary to persevere is huge. Carlyn overcame the obstacles, the fears, and her discomfort to make her time a successful experience;" and

WHEREAS, Carlyn's relentless pursuit to excel continued throughout her career at Grafton High School, where from day one she set herself towards earning a Standard Diploma like her peers, a goal that was greatly tested during her sophomore year when she missed a tremendous amount of school due to illness, forcing her to drop a class, but with her typical dogged determination, she went to summer school that summer and doubled up on history classes her senior year in order to graduate with her class; and

WHEREAS, Carlyn possesses special interest and talent in computers, computer graphics, and art, and is greatly respected by her art teacher for four classes, Ms. Faye Davis, who appreciatively recalls the many hours Carlyn served as her student aide in eleventh grade, and who glowingly says that Carlyn "never complains about anything," is "absolutely a joy to teach," and that she grows every year in her perception of art and in her ability to thoughtfully express herself through it; and

WHEREAS, though Carlyn and the entire community suffered the painful loss this year of senior Zachary Snaidman to cancer, a courageous young man who inspired many and who was a close personal friend, fellow animal lover, and email buddy of Carlyn's, she nevertheless honored his indomitable spirit with her own bravery, and was a source of quiet strength to others during their mutual grieving; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Barbara West, Carlyn's beloved sign interpreter and companion for all her classes since the eighth grade, admirably characterizes Carlyn as a "very tenacious young lady" who "works very hard to keep moving on," pushing through the hardships of communications, personal loss, illness, and demanding schoolwork; and

WHEREAS, Carlyn's positive attitude and tireless work ethic have enabled her to maintain a "B" average at Grafton High where she will graduate this June with her class, have won her acceptance to Galluadet University this fall, and have earned the unfailing respect of all, a fact which Ms. Mease attests to in summing up this beautiful and inspiring individual by affirming that, "Carlyn has demonstrated to all of us who know and love her, vast reserves of Courage. She is a hero, and a role model;"

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the York County Board of Supervisors this ____ day of _____, 2003, that Carlyn Tatroe be, and she is hereby, congratulated and commended as York County's 2003 Outstanding Youth of the Year for Courage.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Carlyn be publicly recognized as a most worthy recipient of the Outstanding Youth Award for Courage, that she be extended the sincere admiration and heartfelt appreciation of the Board of Supervisors for her tremendous inspiration and example to us all, and that the Board's best wishes go with her

for a most rewarding and blessed life, and a future filled with continued triumph.